(d) if so, with what results; and action taken;

(e) whether Government have drawn any guidelines for such institutions in order to carry on their business; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The Government of India is aware of the increasing number of infertility clinics all over the country.

(b) The Government is presently in the process of establishing National Guidelines and only when this is in place, can the expertise of the clinics be assessed.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) "National Guidelines for Accreditation, Supervision and Regulation of ART, Clinics" drafted by Indian Council of Medical Research in collaboration with National Academy of Medical Sciences is under examination of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Upgrading Contraceptives and Sterilization in Rajasthan, Punjab

962. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new programmes and schemes are being introduced to upgrade contraceptives and sterilization for the States of Rajasthan and Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how Government plan to effectively educate the urban and rural people in these States on those new programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Sir, upgradation of contraceptives and sterilization techniques is an ongoing activity of the Department of Family Welfare. However no new schemes

in this regards, have been proposed for the States of Punjab and Rajasthan.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Luring Foreign Patients for Treatment in India

963. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering evolving an integrated policy for attracting patients including (NRI) from affluent countries to avail of cost affective, competent medical (hospitalization) services in India; and

(b) if so, since coordination amongst Ministries of Health, Civil Aviation and Tourism etc. is involved, whether Government propose to designate Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs as the Nodal point for evolving the policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The task force set up with a view to promoting India as a Health Destination for persons across the glove has been entrusted with issues relating to making available specific types of health facilities including super-speciality medical care, out-sourcing of medical services, traditional medicine expertise available etc. Identification of the list of hospitals/ institutions having standard facilities has also been entrusted to the Task Force.

(b) Presently, no such proposal is under consideration.

Transfer of Population Commission

964. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any programme for the stabilization of population in the country through voluntary basis;

(b) if so, the details of the programme;

(c) whether Government have sought the reaction of the State Governments on this issue;